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General and complete disarmament

Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its fifty-third session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 53/77 L of 4 December 1998, entitled "Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol", paragraphs 1 to 3 of which read as follows:

> "The General Assembly,
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> "...
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> "1. Renews its previous call to all States to observe strictly the principles and objectives of the Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare, signed at Geneva on 17 June 1925, and reaffirms the vital necessity of upholding its provisions;
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> "2. Calls upon those States that continue to maintain reservations to the 1925 Geneva Protocol to withdraw those reservations;
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> "3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution."

2. Since the adoption of this resolution, the withdrawal of reservations by one State party has been reported by the depositary of the 1925 Geneva Protocol. By a communication dated 19 October 1999, Canada withdrew the reservation it had made during its ratification of the Protocol (notified by the depositary Government on 2 November 1999).

3. Should the Secretary-General receive notice of any further withdrawals of reservations to the Protocol, Member States shall be duly informed of that fact.

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